



VOL. VII.

BENTON, MISSOURI, MARCH 31, 1894.

NO. 10

FROM BLODGETT.

Marshall Bros. are in the ring with a new departure which means the addition of a millinery department to their mammoth general store. General Tara-ra-boom-de-ay's being now in order, Ben wants to keep up with the procession.

Mr. G. M. Ober, the advance agent of the Indianapolis medical and surgical institute, is in town in quest of the afflicted. He will be followed by Dr. McTaggart, who is expected here to-day (Wednesday.)

C. L. Stubbs and Bro. M. Adams paid Benton a flying visit Tuesday, and returned in good shape right side up with care, from Uncle Calvin's.

J. D. Peal has been sojourning in St. Louis for three or four days past, laying in a new stock of goods and millinery.

Henry Schroeder, the railroad agent, went to Charleston last Monday night to see the home troupe present "Little Goldie," which he says they certainly did in great shape.

Alsop Bros. sold at public vendue last Saturday, all their lumber, household goods, log-wagons, stock, etc., at their saw mill plant four miles below town. The boys are going back to Iowa where their home is, and where they are possessed of some good land.

Frank Reddick, who represents E. A. Graham, nurseryman, of Schoeter, N. Y., is over at Blandville, Ky., this week in the interest of his business. They don't know the real color of Frank's hair like —

Judge Jno. Marshall is making a hot trail for the boys to follow in the race for Representative. Volubility is not John's strong point, but after he has interviewed a man he generally leaves him a friend and supporter of the right kind.

The dining-room of the big Commercial hotel is being treated to a fresh coat of paint and wall paper. She also sports a couple of new swinging lamps of the most stylish kind.

Blodgett was fairly overman with girls Sunday, but the boys did not seem to show up as prominently as usual. The average Blodgett young man is not prone to go by himself when there are any girls about, so what's the matter with the boys?

Major Ward is in town looking as pet and blooming as ever. He is a perennial for sure.

Mr. R. J. Watkins is fencing his lots back of the Commercial hotel with a big fence.

J. E. Sherer, who has been laid up with hemorrhage, is somewhat better at this time, and we trust will come through flying.

Coats are selling at fifty cents each in Blodgett. At least, we know of one which sold for that, the owner making a 50 per cent investment by the deal.

The gentle murmur of the candidational (new word) buzz is not heard so temptingly as here a few weeks ago. Verily the candidate is a factor in the make-up of the universe and it would be hard to get along unless he could get around to see us all once in a while.

The cold weather has sent the Ananias club flying back into winter quarters. When they meet they want it generally to be so they can collect outside and chew tobacco, smoke and drink uninterruptedly from beginning to end of the session, therefore they like pleasant weather.

The singing Evangelists have gone. Their work is not without fruit, although not accompanied by "sanctification," "second blessings" and a lot of side issues, which no more affect the real business in hand than they do the small-pox or cholera. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Warburton may make it convenient to return at some future time.

The Free Baptists organized a Sunday School last Sunday. It meets at 3 p. m. in order to not conflict with the M. E. Sunday School, which meets at 10 a. m. The new Sunday School has about 25 for its initial session.

Two choice mares for sale, will work well anywhere. Just the animals for family use. Cash or good notes.

W. C. LAMBERT.  
Benton, Mo.

FROM SIKESTON.

The excitement over the coming city election has died out and a more reasonable view of the situation is being taken. Last Friday night the excitement reached the highest point when Syllas G. Parker was trotted out as a candidate for marshal against three already in the field. A large bonfire was built on the square and boxes piled up, whereon the popular jeweler mounted and addressed the largest assemblage that has taken place since Governor Stone was here, and the meeting waxed with enthusiasm until eggs made their appearance, when it was found the boys had more respect for a flying egg than a public speaker and made room for the hat to get away unscathed.

The new Methodist church near Ogden is finished. Messrs. Barnes, Schuff and Edmonson, who were the contractors, came home Tuesday.

Mr. Joe Randol, of Dudley, spent Sunday and Monday visiting the family of his brother, Robert, and attending to business.

Robt. Adams, of Essex, spent the first of the week in Sikeston.

J. N. Chaney made a flying trip to Benton on Monday.

Earnest Laray, the popular Star editor, has been confined to his room for several days by sickness, but is now improving.

Rufus West is again out after a severe spell of La Grippe.

Jas. Tyler left for Cairo last Sunday, where he will remain if he finds work. Jim sold his pool room to John Gilbreth and Frank Francis.

A new bakery was opened the first of the week in the old O. K. drug-store building opposite the Racket store.

Rev. F. Brandt, of Charleston, will preach at the Catholic church next Sunday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Corbett, of Brantland, made several trips to Sikeston lately, intending to buy a drug store, but the deal did not go. Rumor has it that the Dr. did not like the contract.

Prof. P. H. Hirschburg, the eye expert, of St. Louis, will be at E. B. Mills' drug store on April 11th, 12th and 13th. Any one needing eye glasses should call on him. Consultation free.

Jas. Smith and Frank Shanks returned from St. Louis Wednesday, after putting a carload of stock on the market.

The concert given at the M. E. church by the Baptist choir of Charleston on the 22nd was a first class musical entertainment. It is to be regretted Sikeston is so indifferent to entertainments of this class. Two traveling show people a few weeks ago drew a good house. When our neighbors brought a high grade musical program—one that could not be excelled in Southwest Missouri—they found empty benches.

A dramatic and musical entertainment was given at the Opera House Wednesday evening by the Charleston Dramatic Club, assisted by Chas. O. Willard, comedian and vocalist from New York. The drama (Little Goldie) was well rendered and, considering that the night was the stormiest of the season, the attendance was remarkably good.

Robt. Heulett left for his home in Kentucky the first of the week.

CIRCUMFERESTOR.

"THE BEE," at Cape Girardeau, is capturing the trade that formerly went to St. Louis. This it does by keeping as fresh a stock of as good goods at as low prices as the great city stores. A trial will put you beyond doubt of this fact.

Mike Heisserer attained his majority Sunday and the Benton Harp Band serenaded him at his father's residence. Mike will vote the very straightest kind of Democratic ticket next November. This is confidential.

C. J. Heisserer will feed horses at Vincent Heisserer's barn during the April term of circuit court. Ample room and the best of care guaranteed.

The infant son of Mr. Thomas Poe died at Whiting, Mo., on the 24th inst.

PRE-EMINENTLY  
ABOVE COMPETITION  
STANDS OUR NEW STOCK!

Come Early, Examine the Goods, Learn the prices, Determine in your own mind if we are entitled to Merit  
For placing before you exactly what you want, at a sum you can afford to pay.

You will find a choice collection of novelties, and be convinced that they adequately represent the best the market affords. We also guarantee that the price is as low in every case as the quality or grade will warrant. You will find the assortment large and complete, which will enable you to save much time in making selections, and to feel that you have obtained an article perfectly satisfactory to you.

Our Store abounds in irresistible Bargains expressly for you.

Our Experience in Buying, Our Knowledge of your Wants, has Enabled us to make Selections that are Pleasing, Popular, Stylish, Serviceable, Useful and, best of all, Low in Price.

"FAMOUS" DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING HOUSE,  
BOHNSACK & STRATMAN, Proprietors,  
No. 1, Main Street, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

FROM ORAN.

The freeze Sunday and Monday did much damage to fruit and gardens in our village.

Elwood Alley, Prof. Genoway, Misses Estelle Querry, Eva McClean and Georgia Nichols went to Morley Monday night to hear Bishop Duncan preach.

J. B. Stubblefield is in Benton today (Thursday.)

John Jones and sister, of Commerce, were here Tuesday on a visit. W. W. Dyer moved into the Gangle house, and Rev. Kennedy into the Dyer house since our last letter.

Esq. Alex Wright is up to-day (Tuesday) after a week or two's tussle with rheumatism.

Dr. O. M. Radcliffe has rented an office in the old postoffice building. An electric belt man and his wife are stopping in Oran at present.

Out of a large crowd that assembled to hear Rev. Reeves last Monday night, only a few were sinners. Three-fourths of the crowd claimed to be "on the Lord's side."

Miss Millie Howell reunited with the Baptist church Monday night. Remor reached this place Monday that the wheat near Sikeston was killed by the recent freeze.

One of our good looking girls says she would not have a certain preacher as a sweetheart. I asked her why and she said he would be a regular hay press when he hugged her, and that he could not last as long under that as a snowball would in fire.

A subscription of more than one hundred dollars was taken up by the M. E. church to pay those who had paid more than their share of the church debt.

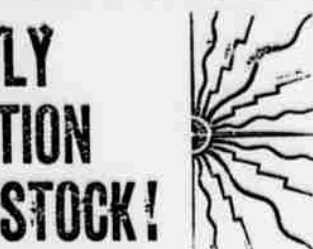
Sunday was preacher's day in Oran. Bishop Duncan, Father Brandt, Revs. Elder Moore, Eure, Enocks, Parks, Kennedy, Maddox, Nutt, and perhaps others that I did not see or know were here. So the fellow who missed a sermon Sunday was either deaf or did not want to hear one.

Miss Nellie Black and Miss Mary Howie, of Morley, visited relatives and friends here Sunday and Monday last.

Morley was well represented here Sunday. Young ladies, old ladies, young men, old men, everybody and their children came to hear Bishop Duncan and the other preachers.

The M. E. church at this place was dedicated last Sunday. Uno.

No use waiting for legislation to cure beneficial ills, you have a remedy at your own doors. This is how it works. If you want say shoes that will wear well, fit well and cost little, go to Tenkoff, at Commerce, and get the Tennant-Stribbling make. There's relief to feet and purse. See?



Superior in Quality,  
Greatest in Assortment,  
Lowest in Price!

From New York Settlement.

We are having a very cold Easter, with damaging frosts. Peaches and plums are probably all killed and apples badly damaged. The wheat is so big and tender and so much of it was jointed that I fear it has sustained a heavy loss. The thermometer registered 16 above on Monday morning—16 degrees of frost.

There has been a great deal of sickness hereabouts of late, especially severe cases of mumps, which, nine times out of ten, laid the victims up for a week or two.

Adolph Hilleman has been down with an ailment in his right leg for three months and his doctor says it will take four or five months to cure him.

Despite the cry of "Hard times" our people seem to prosper reasonably well. New buildings are going up here this spring. Wm. Usman built a fine two-story house last spring and this spring he is building a 32 x 32 feet frame barn, 20 feet high. Adam Sanders is also building a frame barn, 34 x 22 and 18 feet high.

Henry Held's barn, 60 x 30 x 16 is ready for the roof. Andy Usman is digging a cellar for a new frame house, Fritz Held has built a new house, John Roth has put an addition to his fine brick house and Peter Compas has the material on the spot for a new house. Times are hard, no doubt, but our people are of a kind that can't be kept down.

Our schools keep pace with this prosperity. Miss Anna Albrecht's school, known as the Head school, closes next Friday, after a very successful term and a daily attendance of from 25 to 50.

Farming is set back for at least two weeks. Economy.

The Dramatic Entertainment.

The Benton Dramatic Club made its initial public appearance Tuesday evening and presented "The Flower of the Family" and "Our Awful Aunt."

The cold weather militated against the size of the audience, but the courthouse was comfortably filled, and, after expenses, the church benefited by the entertainment to the tune of about ten dollars.

The pieces were, for a first performance, very well presented. Stage fright played its usual part—especially with the boys—but most of the parts were well taken, and a few of them very well taken. The "make ups" and other accessories were good, and, with more careful study by some of the players, the club should score a success. Their performance Tuesday night warrants them in persevering, and next season we have no doubt they will do so.

The Tomato as a Field Crop.

Editor Rural World: I think of putting in a few acres of tomatoes and, while I have managed well enough in a small way, need more advice for a large crop. It is a much disputed question here as to whether it is better to leave the vines on the ground or to frame them up. I wish particularly to know how to prune the vines. M. L. M.

New Madrid, Mo.  
Answer: With good plants to start with tomatoes are one of the easiest crops to grow. It is of especial importance to start the plants early, in hot beds, in order to get an early crop. They require a soil in a fair state of fertility, but the richer it is the wider the plants should be set; four feet square being the least distance. Keep the crop cultivated and hoe much as the farmer does his corn. The farmer and market gardener can hardly afford to stake or train his thousands of plants, neither is it of any special benefit. A simple way of training the plants is by single stake. Set the stake at the time of setting the plant and keep the latter tied up from the very beginning. Pruning the vines is not recommended as advisable. Only give them plenty of room.—Rural World.

Sidney Wade took his medical diploma (M. D.) on Monday night at the fifty-first annual commencement exercises of the Missouri Medical College in the Germania Theater, St. Louis. Dr. Wade is expected home to-day.

Mrs. Yenkey has been on the sick list this week. Mrs. Bonneton is convalescing. Fire a shot gun down the street and every man you hit has a cold. Even the doctors are sick.

The M. E. church at Benton was dedicated by Bishop Duncan Sunday night. The reverend bishop preached an excellent sermon to an audience that quite filled the church.

The A. O. U. W. Lodge at Kelsa had their second meeting last Saturday night and initiated several new members.

Married, Sunday, March 24, 1894, by Squire Cannon, Miss Clara Hardison to Allen P. Brown.

Mrs. Ernest Kuehnert went to St. Louis Sunday, to be gone two months.

Gas Bohmhardt was up for preliminary examination last Saturday. He waived it.

Dental Notice.

I will visit Oran Tuesday p. m., April 3d, Benton, Thursday p. m., April 5th, and will remain at each place two days. L. P. RUFF, Dentist.

Anderson Bros., at Commerce, have just opened a large stock of new Spring Goods, and are in the market to win. See them and save money.

First-class baled Timothy Hay for sale. Apply to Mrs. SUSAN GATHER, Commerce, Mo.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

If "J. M. C." of Morley, will make affidavit that the poem he sends us is original, we will save it from the W. P. basket. The most of it is good enough to be stolen, the last verse poor enough to be original.

"Admirer." Sikeston.—Tommy Moore, the Star's poet laureate, is still presumably cropping thistles in the Ogden woods. We understand that the Star people could not afford to risk the literary reputation of their paper any farther, and squelched poor, harmless Tommy. Too bad.

"Crazyguit." Blodgett.—We have communicated to the secretary of the Ananias club your desire to organize a Saphira branch of that institution and it will be attended to, we doubt not.

"L. M. G." Elkhart.—Non-sense! The Morley people are not crazier than usual. They are not, as you presume, dangerously insane, only imbecile. It is true they are neglecting what little business they have to talk county seat idiosyncrasy. It is true that they as good as gave notice to a citizen who ventured to laugh at them that he had better leave town. But you needn't be afraid to come through Morley on your way to Benton. It is only the walk over to the Peavine, during which you may be annoyed a little by the loaders, who will tell you the county seat is about ready to slide down. There's nothing dangerous about them.

"Rex." Kelsa.—No, we wouldn't advise you to go into sheep farming on a large scale, unless you can first poison off nine tenths of the worthless curs in the country. But for them, sheep farming would pay handsomely in Scott County. The feed would not figure in the expenses as they find most of it in the woods. But every farmer has one or two mongrel, non-descript sheep-killing on his place, and hence sheep farming is next to impossible. Don't try it.

"Tom."—You are wrong. An administration of angels could not keep up the price of wheat if the market is glutted. The law of supply and demand is like the laws of gravitation—inexorable. The administration is working for low tariff, which will open new markets for our grain, and so increase the demand. The Republicans who tell you that 40 cent wheat is a result of Democratic rule lie in their teeth—and they know they lie.

"Jennie." Watley.—We are sorry to disappoint you, but we can't print the full text of the Breckenridge scandal in the Newsboy. For that, you will have to go to the city dailies. We aim to publish a clean paper and we believe we "git there" so much the better therefore.

The shrewd old farmer said the way he made money was by close buying rather than selling dear. He bought his Farm Machinery, Hardware, Queensware, Furniture and Groceries from Bot. Tenkoff, and his bank account is all right, thank you.

The Springfield Democrat of Wednesday said: "Hon. L. O. Hailcy, of Ava, was in the city yesterday on his return from a tour of the western counties of the Fourteenth Congressional district, and reports that all the counties west of Howell will be for Marshall Arnold for a renomination for congress. Mr. Arnold has been one of 'Dick' Bland's able lieutenants in the silver fight. His speech on the tariff was a masterpiece of oratory, and his views on all questions were truly western and no doubt he will be sustained by his constituency."—Tenney County Star.

Parties in need of stock peas can secure them at the store of Anderson Bros. Commerce, the next few days at a favorable price, as they are in need of warehouse room.

Easter Sunday was bright but unusually cold—a keen north wind prevailing during the day. Consequently the attendance at the fine services at the churches of St. Lawrence, New Hamburg, and St. Augustine, Kelsa, were not quite as well attended as otherwise they would have been. It was a day to keep all but the more robust at home. Nevertheless the two churches were filled with devout worshippers at all the matin services. Our German neighbors set an example in church attendance which it would rejoice the pastors of other denominations to see followed by their flocks.

Waterworks are a good thing to have in a city like the Cape, so are electric lights, but the average citizen is more interested in having a store where he can get the best and pay the least for it. This condition is filled when you do your trading at "THE BEE."

--Ladies, If you want any Cashmeres, Gingham or White Goods, don't forget G. MANDELSON'S place at Oran. You can get any kind of goods for less money than in any town in South-east Missouri.

When a boy displays an aptitude for any of the arts, it seems a pity to discourage him simply because he is useful at home. Such a course has checked many a poor young lad in what might have been a splendid career. An instance came under our notice this week in which genius will probably be allowed to follow its natural course. It is that of the 14-year-old son of Constantine Dohogne, near Kelsa, who has a positive talent for the pictorial art, and draws to a marvel. It will not spoil him for a farmer to encourage him in art, and it opens up possibilities.

If you think of buying furniture, it will pay you to inspect the stock of Anderson Bros., at Commerce, and get prices. They can and will save you money.

One of the hopeful signs of progress and prosperity amongst our farmers is the attention they pay to the raising of a superior breed of horses. They have found from abundant experience that poor stock does not pay for its keep, and that a good horse costs as little as or less than a scrub. The county has no lack of first-class horses now. This office so far this season has printed bills for nineteen animals, and the returns are not all in yet. The progressive farmer has no use for poor stock of any kind.

--Farmers, Now is your time to buy your shoes and clothing 25 percent cheaper than any house in Scott County.

G. MANDELSON, Oran, Mo.  
The inevitable cold snap came down from the Pole last Saturday, and we have had six days of really severe weather. The consequences are a large accession to the sick list, considerable damage to wheat, destruction of what little fruit was in sight, annihilation to vegetables too early planted and general dissatisfaction to the children of men. No experience seems to teach us that, no matter how fine the feathers March may bedeck herself withal, she is in essence a treacherous jade.

The Democratic Central Committee meets in Benton today to fix a date for township conventions to select delegates to attend the county convention which will select delegates to attend the State and Congressional conventions, and transact such other business as may be necessary. The Congressional convention will probably be called in April, seeing that the other counties are calling early conventions.

If you want to buy hats for Ladies, Men and Children you will find a magnificence at G. Mandelson's, ORAN, MO.

The latest Benton mill talk is to the effect that Mr. Pott, having failed to secure a partner, will not rebuild. In the meantime, our farmers are not suffering for want of a market at even better prices in proportion to the St. Louis market than were paid at the mill. In the event of no mill, a warehouse at the depot will answer most practical purposes, but the location is too tempting to allow us to believe that Benton can be long without a mill. We can wait a year or two—if necessary.

Says Spring to Wirt Wednesday evening, "Get out of my lap, you hoary villain, you're as bad as old Breckenridge, of Kentucky." "You encouraged me, and you know you did," says Winter, and he didn't "git" worth a cent.

State Superintendent Wolfe will be in Benton next Thursday evening and will deliver an address on "What shall be taught in the public schools." All lovers of education—and that should be all of us—will do well to attend. The lecture will be free, of course.

The Charleston District Conference, M. E. Church, South, will meet at Sikeston April 4th, Bishop W. W. Duncan presiding.

See Dr. Ruff's card elsewhere in this issue.